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Darren Lum Echo staff

Christmas sales 'soft' for downtown businesses

➤ Retailers theorize shoppers turning to online opportunities

Darren Lum
 Staff reporter

Several downtown Haliburton storeowners and operators are expressing disappointment over "softer" sales this Christmas season.

Exact sales figures were not revealed and none expressed cause for major concern, but some business owners are now turning to online opportunities to satisfy new buying trends.

Haliburton's department store, V&S Stedman's, sells clothing, toys, kitchen items and seasonal items covering all demographics.

Its owner Andy Glecoff had little to say, but described this Christmas season as "disappointing," except for strong sales within toys and electronics such as video game consoles.

He added even the days after Christmas day are usually busier and this year was quiet.

Down the street from Stedman's at Jan Knit's Studio,

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Man suffers serious injuries in snowmobile collision

A man who lost control of his snowmobile on Lake Lorraine Road is in serious condition after his vehicle ended up in the ditch.

Steven Criece, 28, of Wellandport, Ont., was thrown into a tree after his westbound Skidoo crossed the eastbound lane, ending up in the south ditch at 7 p.m. Dec. 28, according to the OPP.

Highlands East fire department and county emergency services attended the scene with the police.

An investigation is ongoing.

Break and enter to seasonal residence

On Dec. 26, the Bancroft OPP responded to the report of a break and enter on Henshall Drive in the Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that a seasonal residence was forcibly entered and electronics were stolen.

Submitted by the OPP

Nominate a Frost Fest Ambassador for 2011

The Frost Festival is taking place on Saturday Feb. 19 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. – this will be a fun-filled family day in the village of Haliburton. Canoe FM along with the municipality of Dysart et al is once again looking for a Frost Fest Ambassador. We are looking for an individual who has given more than one year of his or her time to an organization in the municipality of Dysart - and who goes above and beyond in their volunteer position. The Frost Festival Ambassador will be a highly visible, fun-filled one-day position. If you know someone that you would like to nominate for this exciting position – please fill in our nomination form and either email, fax or drop the nomination form off to us – right here at Canoe Radio. The winner will receive the loan of a beautiful handcrafted colourful sash,

and a Frost Fest head piece, free admission to the pancake breakfast and the roast beef dinner, \$500 worth of advertising on Canoe FM going to the not-for-profit organization of your choice and of course an interview on Canoe FM. This is a very visible honour and a whole lot of fun. All nominations must be received at Canoe FM by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. Our judges will review entries and eligible names will go into the drum for the draw on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 8:15 a.m. Hear the winner announced live on Canoe FM. So have some fun, nominate someone for this year's honour of being the Frost Fest Ambassador. Get your nomination forms at canoe.fm or by calling 457-9603.

Submitted by Canoe FM



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Travellers handbook helps with ideas

Bessie's Books and other things
 Bessie Sullivan
 County Librarian

Are you travelling this winter? Or are you an arm-chair traveller that likes simply to read about far-off places? Either way, *Book East To Go*, a handbook written by librarian Nancy Pratt, is sure to help you find a book that captures the sights, sounds, tastes and smells of whatever destination you have in mind.

In *Book East To Go*, Pratt has provided numerous fiction and non-fiction book suggestions for over 120 destinations and regions around the world, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe.

Heading down to Mexico? Pratt suggests Christopher McKeegan's *Rise to Rise* and Barbara Kingsolver's *The Secret Garden* of a winter holiday? Try reading Colleen McCullough's *Masters of Rome* series including the titles *The Grass Crown* and *The October Horse*.

Wherever you part of cell, *Book East To Go* will provide you with some great ideas for vacation reading.

Fur harvesters gather
 Join area fur harvesters at their annual event at the Minden arena on Sunday, Jan. 9. Watch skinning demonstrations and visit the vendors. The event starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. upstairs at the arena.

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Ian Milligan victorious over epilepsy

Life of Gooderham resident begins anew after brain surgery this past September

Elizabeth Brown
Special to the *Echo*

For many people, a cup of coffee in the morning is just the kick of caffeine they need to jumpstart their day.

But Ian Milligan, 30, of Gooderham, couldn't be more excited to ditch the caffeine he's relied on to fight fatigue from daily anti-epilepsy medication. Milligan battled epilepsy for 29 years, and spent 18 of those on medication.

After successful brain surgery in September 2010, Milligan is looking forward to weaning himself off medication, getting a driver's license, feeling energized, and especially not worrying about having a seizure.

Epilepsy is a disorder where a sudden electrical charge causes mixed messages in the brain, resulting in recurrent seizures.

It affects one out of every 100 Canadians. Out of those, one in four have seizures that epileptic drugs can't control.

While surgery doesn't work for all types of epilepsy, "there are more people who would benefit from surgery than are currently being treated," says Dr. Gary Redekop, the Vancouver neurosurgeon who performed Milligan's brain surgery.

"I'm really lucky to have the type of epilepsy I have. In a way it was a mild case. That's why the surgeons were so confident," says Milligan.

His selective amygdalohippocampectomy was performed at Vancouver General Hospital, where Dr. Redekop removed a scarred portion of Milligan's hippocampus. The hippocampus is located on the left side of the brain and regulates memory, emotions and navigation.

Milligan was 16 months old when he caught a fever, resulting in his first febrile seizure. Scar tissue formed on his hippocampus, but went unnoticed until his second seizure at age nine. This time, Dr. Bob Heyes of Haliburton, diagnosed Milligan with epilepsy of the temporal lobe and he began taking Tegretol daily.

"It worked pretty well," says Milligan, and seizures were less frequent, but "I remember in Grade 5, I was always drowsy in the morning."

He stayed on Tegretol until he was 16, and for the next three years Milligan was practically seizure-free.

At 19 years, Milligan's seizures returned stronger than ever and he's been taking Dilantin since.

It's common for seizures to revisit during the 20s – the formative years, says neurosurgeon Dr. Taufik Valiante of Toronto Western Hospital. He'll be assessing Milligan's progress in January 2011. He says too often surgery is used as a last resort.

In Ontario, 10,000 people with epilepsy could benefit from surgery, but Dr. Valiante says awareness among public, media and practitioners is lacking, causing people to live with seizures regularly.

Milligan had at least one petit mal per week.

"There are no convulsions with petit mal seizures," Milligan says it's a "euphoric state. You get the shivers, feel happy, and are left feeling confused after it's over."



Ian Milligan holds one of the glass art pieces he's created. With his victory over epilepsy he's going back to school /Photos by Elizabeth Brown

Grand mal seizures happened at least three times per month.

"You lose your consciousness, your body starts to shake – tremors through your body," says Milligan. "After the seizure, you come back and you're picking up all the pieces."

Milligan has dislocated his shoulder four times.

He's had seizures while glassblowing, installing windows, and in class at Sheridan College. Normally, people know what to do, he says. But he has explained the confusing scenario to people occasionally.

Milligan's scariest seizure occurred in Haliburton, 2006,

Ian Milligan shows where on his head the hippocampus is (and corresponding location on computer screen image). Doctors had to enter through the left temporal lobe in order to access it.



walking alone to his mom's work.

"I got a weird feeling."

He remembered thinking, "This isn't good. I should get off the highway."

"I went down in the ditch. I sat there and let the seizure happen. I remember coming out of it and recognizing what was going on."

A woman saw Milligan and drove him to the hospital where his mom later picked him up.

"She kept asking me 'are you drunk? Are you on something?' I couldn't explain because my speech hadn't come back."

"It was embarrassing," says Milligan, who says it can take up to an hour to fully recover.

In July 2010, Milligan learned about surgery through chatting with a lifeguard at Vancouver's Kitsilano Beach. He told Milligan of his recent successful surgery for a similar type of epilepsy.

"I was so thrilled when I walked away. It motivated me to do my own research," said Milligan.

After 10 days of testing, where his brain was hooked up to more than 30 wires from a machine that monitored round-the-clock brain activity, Milligan qualified for surgery. He says his wires followed him everywhere, including the shower.

It's clear Milligan's surgery provided him with a new perspective on life about "trying to live your life as best you can."

In high school, Milligan had a talent for art.

His summer working for Jim O'Connor at Highland Glass sparked his interest in glassblowing.

Milligan took the first glassblowing course at the Haliburton School of the Arts in 2008.

Seizures came and went, interfering with his plans, but not ending them.

He completed a diploma in glassblowing at Sheridan College in Toronto.

He's working as a teaching assistant this winter at the Haliburton School of the Arts, and applying to the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in the spring.

He's also thought about teaching or opening a studio later on. For Milligan, the doors of opportunity are wide open.

Selling niche products online works well

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where owner Jan Sheehey has been for four years selling knitting supplies and unique textile items, customer traffic was slow. However, overall sales remained close to last year she said, owing a large part to her online sales.

Even Jim Henwood, the owner of Henwood's Variety, which has been in business on Highland Street for the past 16 years, noticed the downtown was quiet.

He has been active member of the Business Improvement Association and isn't sure how to improve things.



It's the make up of our town. The fact that we're outdoors; you can't beat an indoor climate-controlled mall and big sales. You just can't do it no matter what you do and that is what we're up against.

— Jim Henwood

"It's the make up of our town. The fact that we're outdoors; you can't beat an indoor climate-controlled mall and big sales. You just can't do it no matter what you do and that is what we're up against," he said.

Like Sheehey, he is turning to selling his fudge and buttertarts online after discussions with a supplier and his wife.

Henwood, who started his online initiative two months ago, has not seen any significant sales, but hopes for an increase this summer.

His fudge and buttertarts account for 25 per cent of summer sales, falling to half in the winter.

Statistics Canada reported Canadians ordered \$15.1 billion in goods and services on the Internet in 2009, up from \$12.8 billion in 2007.

Across the street from Henwood's, the owner of Perfect Prints Image Centre Luke Schell said overall sales for the month of December were down, particularly his sales of products such as picture frames, cameras and related accessories.

He attributes the lack of product sales to more people turning to online shopping opportunities, as even he admits to doing

more and more.

He has debated whether to offer products online since many customers appreciate the after-sales service from purchased products. He only hesitates due to the financial investment and time commitment involved.

Despite the loss of product sales there was an increase to his service sales, which includes custom framing, photo printing and finishing, and photography.

All of which, he points out, are only possible in-person.

Although many retailers experienced deflated sales there was an exception with the only store focused on bulk food downtown.

Rena Woodley, owner of the Kitchen Bulk Food Store located on York Street for more than two years, said sales were slightly better than last year with an increase of 10 per cent for December.

"It's just the way things played out," she explained, adding she did not change her marketing or buying from last year. "Maybe people just had more disposable income for baking this year."

The order of her top-selling categories, which mimicked last year's shopping pattern, was nuts followed by baking supplies, which includes glazed fruit, pancake/waffle mix, wafers, cornstarch, baking and yeast, but not flour (that is under a separate category), then dried fruits and chocolate.

Christmas items such as candy canes and Hershey kisses did not sell as well as last year.

Operations manager Jeff Strano for the Algonquin Outfitters Boatwerks in Haliburton, which has been on Highland Street for five years, said sales were down compared to last year.

"It was a little softer than last year. I found people were leaving it until later to spend their money," he said, adding he had a lot of people come in the day before and on Christmas Eve, but even more on Boxing Day. "Sunday was absolutely bizarre. Like half the retailers were closed and it was Boxing Day. It made absolutely no sense. It was a huge missed opportunity for anybody who was closed because we did very, very well. The town wasn't busy because if you drove through town you'd say, 'oh, it was the right move,' but we had a ton of customers drive through, specifically to spend money," he said.

Granted, there were returns being processed, he said, but many of these people ended up buying to take advantage of Boxing Day sales.

Although a few retailers are turning to the Internet, he spent a couple of years offering online sales and found it unsuccessful.

Strano said if he cannot make it successful,



Darren Lum Echo staff

This Christmas shopping season was considered "soft" in comparison to last year by several retailers in the Haliburton downtown.

as Boatwerks is part of one of the biggest buying groups of kayaks in Canada, then no one can.

He has since brought his focus back to the store.

Strano also manages locations in Minden and at Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort, including a paddling school on the Minden Wild Water Preserve during the spring and summer.

Glen Sharpely, owner of Sharpely Source for Sports, who believed in giving his staff two successive days off that included Christmas and Boxing Day, has owned and operated his Haliburton location for more than 19 years.

He repeated what others said about sales being soft, but was optimistic about the larger picture.

"We were up in the summer ... we didn't have the greatest summer that we've ever had. We were up over the last two summers, followed by a soft Christmas, but that doesn't mean we're going to have a terrible January and February. We definitely, definitely need snow," he said, adding his Christmas shop-

ping season ends Jan. 1. "Looking forward it is a prerequisite for cross-country [skiing], snowshoeing and snowmobiling. You've got to have it to get the people up. You just gotta have it."

His theory about why sales were down is owed to greater online shopping and sales at large malls.

"This online thing is not going away. You have to balance between whether the website is worth it; the cost to build and maintain it is worth it," he said. "I've talked to many guys in our group The Source, who spent \$15,000 to \$20,000 on a website and [they] said, 'the ends did not justify the means.'"

Although he acknowledges the growing trend of online shopping, he has always maintained a focus on service, ordering one-off products for customers and offering competitive prices.

He adds that even though he could have an inexpensive presence online, the Internet is a more effective tool for those selling niche products.

Local man recovering at home after furnace explosion

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

When Rick Shank was lying in his hospital bed at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto he knew it wasn't his time to go.

Shank was admitted into intensive care of the burn unit at the hospital after experiencing a minor explosion on Nov. 3 in Haliburton.

After spending 10 days in the hospital, Shank was discharged on Nov. 12 when he returned to his home on Kashagawigamog Lake.

According to his wife Beth, Shank underwent a number of surgeries to deal with his injuries, which were the result of a flashback while lighting the pilot light of a propane furnace in the house adjoining with Bernstein's department store.

Upon trying to light the furnace the explosion, said Shank, happened instantly.

neously. An ambulance was called shortly after by Marty Grant, owner of Hyland Taxi and Shank's former employer.

As a result of his injuries Shank was eventually airlifted to Sunnybrook hospital.

"I'm about 70 per cent," said Shank in regards to how he was feeling since returning home. "When I left Sunnybrook they said within a week the hole [in his chest] would be closed ... It's still not fully closed. I have a nurse coming every other day ... I'm frustrated because I can't eat certain things still."

After the accident friends and family offered an enormous amount of emotional, financial and physical support.

"We've only been up here four years and Haliburton County is more of a family than my family. People dropped off meals, people I've never seen and will probably never see again."



Enjoying winter by sleigh

Murray Cowan leads his team of horses through the snow, carrying people from the Make Peace With Winter group, on his property just outside Haliburton on Thursday, Dec. 30. The group is part of the Yours Outdoors organized series of events offered throughout the year. The group also snowshoed earlier in the day at Snowdon Park.

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points of view

Don't give up on downtown

SALES WERE "SOFT" over the Christmas season Haliburton's downtown businesses are reporting.

Some customers were lost to big city shopping – the spectacle of heated mall corridors and abundant gift choices carrying many to Peterborough, Bracebridge and even Toronto – while others stayed indoors, shopping online and having gifts delivered right to their door. While city shopping isn't new, the online component is an ever-growing threat to the health of our downtown.

They can't prove it, but most business owners suspect that their customers are leaving them for the convenience of online stores – after all, online sales continue to climb year after year.

What is a small downtown like Haliburton's to do?

Some business owners are taking the trend head-on, offering their goods online, hoping to supplement the sales that are lost.

Others are enhancing their specialty items: the things you can't find on Amazon.ca.

The local government has invested in improving the look and navigability of the streets hoping to get people parked, out of their cars and patronizing the crucial downtown businesses.

But all of these actions will be in vain

if consumers give up on the downtown.

Because while it may bolster sales for a store to sell some goods online, if no one walks through the door to buy something at Christmas, there will be no need for that storefront at all.

We have all seen examples of formerly bustling – usually historically significant and architecturally beautiful – downtowns left abandoned.

It's not what we want for our town.

A vibrant downtown is a give-and-take; consumers have to make the commitment to shop locally first, supplementing with online and city shopping, and businesses need to ensure they cater to local customers.

In our front-page story, one business owner notes that some of his colleagues didn't open for Boxing Day.

Other stores closed promptly at 5 p.m. every night leading up to Christmas.

While every business has the right to choose its own hours – and likely many chose those hours because there weren't enough customers to justify the staffing costs – businesses have to take extraordinary measures, too.

Both sides of the equation have to give more in order to keep and enhance what we have: a strong local economy and robust downtown.



Jenn Watt
Editor



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photo by Darren Lum

All the best

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS then will be now and 2010 will remarkably have changed into 2011 (and they say time travel isn't possible).

I'm writing this on the last day of 2010 and barring a collision with a meteor or some infestation of rabid snakes I trust you've made it safely through the last hours of 2010 and the first hours/days of the new year. (If, by chance, you happened to have died in the interim you are hereby excused from having to read this column – oh, and my condolences as well.)

People get very reflective this time of year and look back at the year's best and worst, most times declaring the best movies, best trends and best stories of the past 365 days. I find this odd in that they conclude this list usually a week or so before the year is actually complete, smugly assuming nothing noteworthy will happen between Dec. 27 and midnight on the 31st and for that reason I usually wait to complete my year-end list at the last possible instant. On the upside, this ensures the list is as definitive as possible but on the downside editors hate me.

So, on to the best and worst of the year 2010:

Best Movie I watched this year was *I Am Sam*. Yes, I realize it was actually made in 2001 but it remains the best

movie I watched this year and since I decide the criteria it wins again. Honourable mention goes to *The Wizard of Oz*.

Best Wurst of the Year was Bittner's Spicy Summer Sausage. Worst Wurst of the Year is also Bittner's Spicy Summer Sausage (after it fell behind the stove only to be discovered – mostly decayed – six weeks later).

Best Month in 2010 was November. Nothing particularly exquisite happened in November this year but no one ever picks November for anything and, aside from February (who everyone hates), November could really

use a boost to its self-esteem (assuming months are capable of such emotional growth).

Best Canadian Prime Minister of 2010 was Stephen Harper. Worst Canadian Prime Minister of 2010, also Stephen Harper.

Best Meal Involving Eggs and Bacon was breakfast followed closely by brunch.

Most Vital Drink of the Year goes to water. Dairy product of the Year was butter, with grapefruit in second place (a write-in vote).

Band of the Year (musically) was Black Eyed Peas; Band of the Year (functionally) was elastic.

And finally the 2010 Year of the Year was (surprisingly) 1973. Frankly that surprised me a little.



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points of view

Ring in the New Year

NOW THAT THE SMOKE HAS CLEARED, I think it's fair to examine certain aspects of the New Year's celebrations that have just passed. And since some of you are probably still nursing a headache and have only vague memories of ringing in the New Year, there's probably no better way to do this than in print.

No doubt, every now and then, some of you are still experiencing flashbacks in which you are swinging from chandeliers, wearing a lampshade on your head or singing really bad karaoke. Quite possibly, you are missing underwear along with several minutes of memory. You might have even regained consciousness only to find a new homemade tattoo. Hopefully, it's on your arm.

If that's the case, well, good for you. You've survived another New Year's party.

But what about the others? I'm talking about the unsung, sober heroes of those New Year's celebrations. They are the ones who are, even now, sweeping through their home, desperately looking for lost lampshades and earrings. Perhaps, they've just reattached all the baubles on the chandelier and found underwear that does not even belong in their house. Good people all, they will burn or dispose of these things because, well, it's less embarrassing for everyone that way.

The point is that every one of us has a friend or two like this. And, this year, we probably shouldn't avoid them till March. After all, they have done us a valuable service. They looked out for us when we couldn't.

Like it or not, these people are the reason that most New Year's celebrations these days go off without a hitch. They are the designated drivers and the people who listened as you told them, repeatedly and not so eloquently, about all of your childhood memories through an alcohol-induced stupor. Maybe, they walked you around the block several times - and not just to disorient you either. No, they did it to save their carpets too.

But they also did it for your own good so that you could get some fresh air and maybe find your underwear or at least someone else's that fit reasonably well.

All I'm saying is that you can't have a New Year's celebration without these responsible folks, too. And it's about time that all of us realized this.

Someone has to be there to tell you that that shiny thing you are about to place your naked butt on is a tuba. Someone has to make sure that everyone gets the appropriate coats and boots for the trip home. Someone has to stop the hugging when the party is finally over.

Yet whenever New Year's Eve stories are hazily recounted in the workplace several days later, we rarely give these folks their due. And that's a shame too.

So here's my personal tribute to these fine folks. They, after all, are the ones who called taxi for you, drove you home, made you a bed on the couch or put you naked on a train to Montreal. They are the ones who took those awful photographs that will eventually cause smiles and laughter for you or anyone who visits You Tube or FaceBook. They are the ones who, like it or not, will keep all of our New Year's memories alive.

And for this, they deserve our gratitude. Not now, but eventually, when we get back from Montreal...



Steve Galea

Tales from Vinegar Hill



pic of the past

Back in December of 1981 the Haliburton Bantams won the B consolation championship of the Hodgson Memorial Tournament. Receiving their trophy, presented by Glen Hodgson are Cory McKnight, left, Mike MacNaull and Chris Laporte.

letters to the editor

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2011 wonderings

To the Editor,

Just wondering for 2011.

When will Dysart et al start a program to bring municipal water to the village? The place will not grow without it.

When will work begin on a bypass back of the dump road to draw heavy trucks away from the residential core?

When will the Watercolours folks quit their attempts to build an 80+ foot monster condo looming over Head Lake and instead erect a few normal size houses?

When will Minden Hills get fat cats and lean cats together to subscribe, chase grants and fund their own community theatre like that of the Pavilion in Haliburton?

Just wondering.

**Michael Barnes, C.M.
Haliburton**

Beware of gift cards

To the Editor,

I was given a \$25 Visa gift card Christmas 2009. I forgot to use it until Dec. 10 only to find out I had only \$14 dollars left to spend. It turns out that Visa starts taking off \$2.50 at the start of the seventh month, in my case July 1, 2010. They take this amount off each month until there is no value left. Please be advised if you received or gave Visa gift cards to spend them as soon as possible.

**Patricia Wright-Thorpe
Haliburton**

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Arctic adventurer hones igloo-making skills at Eagle Lake cottage

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Family, presents and an igloo.

Christmas morning, for most, involves stockings hung by a fireplace with care and visions of sugarplums dancing in the air.

However, for the Benson family, who have been cottaging on Eagle Lake for the past 50 years, Dec. 25 seemed like the most fitting day to begin construction of an igloo that would eventually measure 11 feet in diameter and stand nearly six-feet tall.

Conceived by family member and arctic explorer John Davidson, the idea of building an igloo is part of a grander plan that involves Arctic tourism and a little bit of adventure.

"I'm in the business of doing hot air ballooning in the Arctic," said Davidson, who documented his explorations in a *Canadian Geographic* documentary titled *Polar Safari*. "One of the things that I realized was that a lot of the adventure companies in the north are not having clients sleep in snow huts and igloos. They're sleeping in tents because it's more convenient."

Travelling to the Arctic, said Davidson, is heavily dependent on weather and temperature, which affect stable ice conditions, a prominent factor when visiting the north.

Although an expedition tent is a more convenient way to travel, Davidson was unsatisfied with the type of experience his clients were receiving and was looking to enrich the services his company provided.

He began researching snow huts and came across an invaluable tool sold out of Colorado.

"Two or three years ago I came upon this product ... It produces an igloo that looks very, very much like the traditional Inuit igloo ... When I first bought it of course I was skeptical."

However, after some quality time learning how to use the product and taking full advantage of its benefits, Davidson was soon a believer.

"It's an amazing product. It's a very simple tool that takes advantage of the physical characteristics of the snow and actually allows just about anybody to build an igloo. I got the product and started experimenting with it and building igloos and this past Christmas I built one up at the cottage."

While at the cottage Davidson enlisted the help of his brother-in-law, Rande Benson, and a number of other family members that were willing to lend a hand including Marshall and Judy Benson, his in-laws.

"It's been fun," said Rande in regards to helping construct the igloo.

"It only took about four hours to do the bottom half of it... but as we started placing the blocks in the really awkward angles they had to set enough that they could hold their own weight," said Benson. "The higher blocks were formed with the same powder snow but required 45 minutes to an hour to set with the angles and the weight of each block."

Although the mild weather and threat of rain dampened the igloo's progress, Rande predicts the project will be completed by New Year's Eve.

He estimates the igloo has taken a number of hands to complete and a total of between five and 10 hours total work time.

For Davidson it's been worth the effort, with the outcome potentially bringing significant benefits to Arctic tourism.

"It's just amazing. It's really wonderful to be able to produce something like that. You can see the massive benefits over a tent. Sure it takes a little bit more time but probably the equivalent expedition tent would be in the range of \$8,000. Yeah, you've got to put a little bit of time and effort into it but \$8,000 is a lot of time and effort, and you end up with a better product."

Along with being a superior product, Davidson believes an igloo is a more authentic one as well.

"From a tourism point of view ... it's typically an Arctic



Rande Benson, left, and John Davidson survey their hard work on the construction of an igloo at their family cottage on Eagle Lake using a tool designed to help make blocks required for the structure's wall. /Photo submitted

thing to do, to sleep in a snow hut as opposed to sleeping in a high-tech tent that can be purchased just about anywhere in the world."

Davidson constructed a smaller igloo up at Eagle Lake last winter and has been involved in building igloos with the Inuit in the Arctic.

"We had snow conditions up in Haliburton that you would take a look at and think there's no way we can do this with this type of snow and yet it works."

Due to its complex design, Davidson believes the current igloo will only get stronger as more precipitation falls during the next few months.

"The only thing that ends it is probably melting," said Davidson. "It's a super strong structure. You could walk on top of it without any problem."

The product Davidson used to assemble the structure costs around \$50. The largest igloo the product allows you to build measures approximately 11 feet in diameter, according to Davidson. Smaller ones for just sleeping can also be produced.

"What you end up with is a product that is better than an \$8,000 base camp tent," said Davidson.

"Kids up in cottage land in Canada could make one [an igloo] over a weekend and have it for the winter."

It has been two years since Davidson made an expedition, in the meantime spending much of his time between Ottawa, Australia and Baffin Island, where he hopes to set up his next exploration business.

Davidson is set to travel back to the Arctic this upcoming April. Before then he hopes to develop his skills at producing traditional igloos if the snow conditions allow.

"This to me is something that should have been done for a long time. I guess the expedition tents are just a little too convenient."

The conditions for building igloos in Haliburton, he says, are just perfect.

"Let's hope that a few more igloos go up around Haliburton and kids get out there and sleep with a candle. I think that would be really cool."



Angelica Blenich Echo staff

The igloo, measuring approximately 11 feet in diameter and standing nearly six-feet tall, stands nearly completed almost one week after Christmas.



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Viagara-vation, don'tcha know

First things first...Happy New Year every body from ol' Maybelle and all the folks here in Lake WhaddyathinkImean! Why if it isn't already the 4th of January and I'm still reeling from all those deLISHus sugar cookies and punch-filled fruit cakes that Vilma Yuccch and Sybil Beaucannon-Hughes brought by on Christmas day, don'tcha know.

Sure as my thoughts were crawling like molasses when I woke up this morning, they snapped back on track from a shock I got when I opened my email.

If there weren't a GAZILLION "failure to deliver" notices that bounced back to me that ol' Maybelle didn't even send. And there next to "FROM" was MY email address!!!

Plus, to add insult to injuries, when I opened

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Fireside stories

the email to see what it said, it was an ad for VI-A-GARA, don'tcha know!

Well, this ol' gal is bleepin' Viagara-VATED because the same email was sent to every body in MY address book. And that includes the listeners of my radio show!

Why Sybil Beaucannon-Hughes read it and sent back a message that was way south of happy.

"Maybeleeeeen. WHAT on earth was THAT?! I mean, I've heard of selling scanty panties and rude by interesting magazines on the Internet, but Viagara in an email? That has got to be the most ...Wait a minute. On second thought ... Neville could use a bit of perking up!"

BUT I'M NOT SELLING VIAGARA!!!! I told her.

Well, don't think ol' Maybelle was gonna leave that lying on its back. I did some investigating

and found out it's been happening to every body! Well, to a LOT of bodies, anyway. And that the best thing you kin do is ... if you get an email and in the subject line it says either re: or no subject... DON'T OPEN IT!!! No matter WHO it's from. Not even yer MOTHER!!!!

Now, I've heard of pushy salesmen shoving a foot in the door to make sure you hear their whole spiel, but this is a different kettle of catfish altogether.

Why, when Beanpole Starkman got the email and thought I was trying to sell him some pumper-upper, if he didn't show up at my door with his hair combed over with Vaseline, an artificial daisy he swiped from the planter at the Legion in one hand, and a cheque made out for \$100 in the other! Prying him from my cottage was like trying to separate iodine from SALT!

Thank goodness Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom showed up and sweet talked him away

with a ride in his brand new cruiser with the siren turned on, don'tcha know.

But that was then and now is now and it feels so much better thinking about things that make me happy.

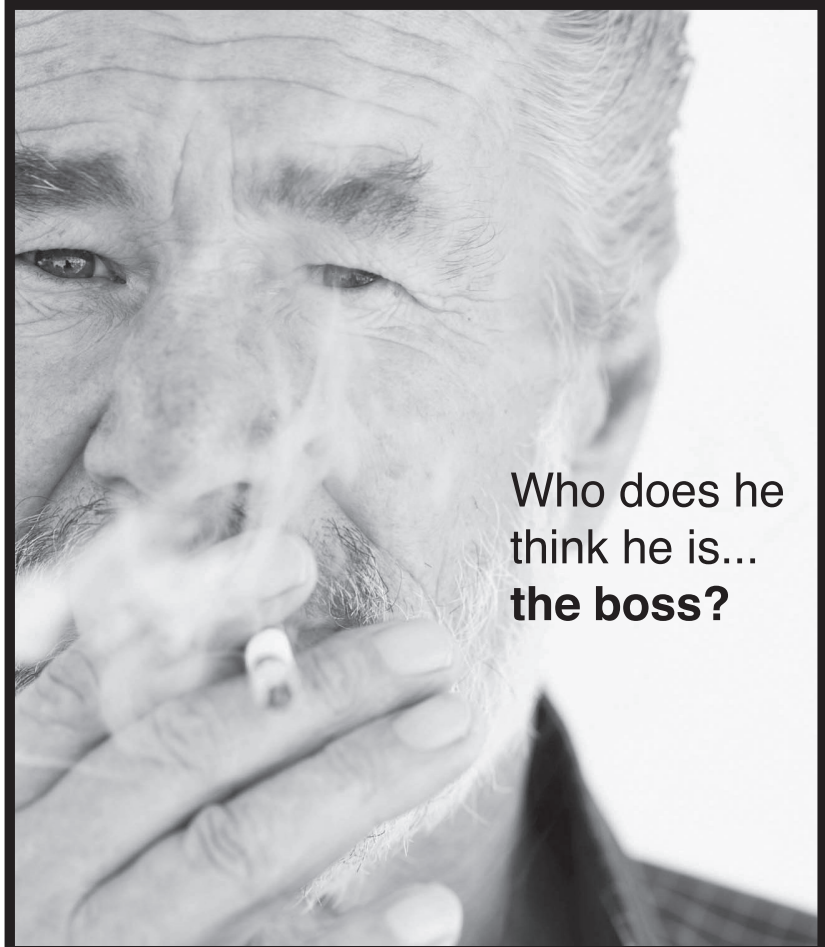
BOGART! Would you come in here please? Here he comes. I love it when my big furry friend pads his way into the living room.

Bogart dear, why don'tcha go help yourself to a paw full of ginger snaps and then come sit next to me by the fire. I've got a real nice story to tell you.

And it's NOT about Viagara!

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Our Skating Competition

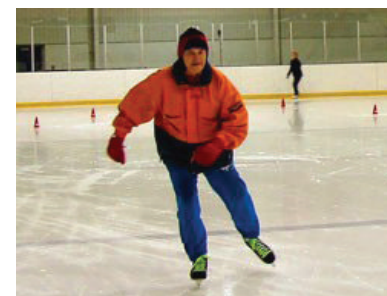
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Historical society celebrates Golden Slipper era with a dance



A pair of dancers dance to the Music of the Golden Slipper Era, as hosted by Haliburton Highlands Historical Society held at the Maple Lake United Church on Wednesday, Dec. 29. The Golden Slipper was a dance hall on Lake Kashagawigamog popular in the 1930s and 1940s.



The cake to celebrate the event was made by Judy Carpenter.



Irene Merritt sings Night and Day during the Music of the Golden Slipper Era event.

Photos by Darren Lum

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Looking by Norm Foster
Val's an O.R. nurse, Andy's in the storage business, Nina's a police officer and Matt's a radio morning show host. They're middle-aged single and 'looking'. Val agrees to meet Andy after answering his personal ad in the newspaper. Nina and Matt are coaxed into joining their friends for support. High romance and contagious laughter are the result.

2 men, 2 women (35-50)

Educating Rita by Willy Russell
Frank is a tutor of English whose disillusioned outlook on life drives him to drink and bury himself in his books. Enter Rita, a forthright hairdresser who is eager to learn. After weeks of cajoling, Rita slowly wins over the very hesitant Frank with her innate insight and refusal to accept no for an answer. Their relationship as teacher and student blossoms, ultimately giving Frank a new sense of self and Rita the knowledge she so craves.

Male 50s, Female late 20s
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Firefighters, EMS and police work to rescue snowmobiler Troy Martin, whose sled went under the ice on Drag Lake Dec. 31. Martin was lucky – he got away with only hypothermia. Another man went into Redstone Lake the next day and died. /Andrea Adams photo

One dies, one lives in two sledding accidents

The new year arrived with tragedy when Scott Hartley, 43, died after his snowmobile went through the ice of Redstone Lake Jan. 1.

Hartley was pulled from the water by friends, but as the group made their way to shore, Hartley stood up and again broke through the ice.

His friends could not save him. It took them just less than 12 hours to find Hartley's body.

In another accident Dec. 31, Troy Martin, 20, put his machine through the ice of Drag Lake. He was rescued by the Dysart fire department suffering from hypothermia.

"I was crawling across the ice, it started to crack again," he told the *Echo* in an interview. "At that point I thought to myself that if I fall in again, there was no way I was going to be able to get myself out. I had no energy."

Devolin aide denies global warming

Carnarvon resident Doug Smith decided to set up a sting operation on Conservative MP Barry Devolin's aide, Peter Taylor, after learning he denied the science of global warming.

He engaged the staffer in a phone conversation, which he taped, transcribed, and posted publicly. The staff member claimed the climate change talks in Copenhagen were a scheme to raise money for Al Gore and called the United Nations "communist."

Devolin apologized to Smith for Taylor's remarks, saying he does not represent the ideas of the Conservative party.

"It's clear that what he said was not my view," Devolin told the *Minden Times*.



Ontario skip Jake Walker of Minden reacts after throwing his first stone in the second end of their championship game against Manitoba at the Canadian junior curling championship. Walker's team won, sending them to the world junior championship in Switzerland. /Michael Burns photo

Walker wins national junior curling crown

Minden resident and HHSS curler Jake Walker along with his team won the Ontario junior curling championships 7-1 at the Teeswater Curling Club Jan. 6.

They followed it up Jan. 24 with a win over Team Manitoba in the Canadian juniors, taking them to Flims, Switzerland for the world junior championships.

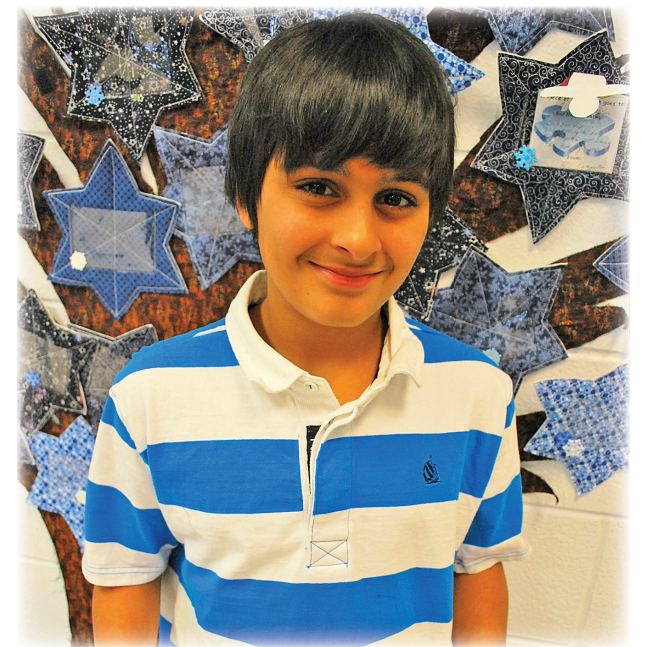
Dawson Hamilton dies

Sick with cancer and the side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatment for half of his life, Minden's Dawson Hamilton passed away Jan. 10, just 13 days before his 10th birthday.

Over the years the Minden community took Dawson and his family into its arms, trying its best to absorb some of the pain and worry illness causes.

Fundraisers and awareness events were ongoing for Dawson, who inspired the county with his ability to endure the trauma of cancer.

His funeral was attended by hundreds at the Minden Community Centre including NHL star and Haliburton local Matt Duchene, who had become friends with Dawson over the years.



Then-Grade 8 student, Alnoor Gowani, won the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year award for saving the life of a drowning man in the Gull River.

Local boy wins Junior Citizen of the Year

Alnoor Gowani was named Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year for his role in saving the life of a drowning man in the summer of 2009.

Alnoor, who was 13 at the time, saw a man flailing in the Gull River in Minden and swam over to him, grabbed him and brought him to shore.

"We're so proud of him," his sister Reema told the *Minden Times*.

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Haliburton ran a successful Frost Fest Feb. 13 including dogsled rides, tobogganing, skating and hay rides. This little girl played along-side Head Lake in an obstacle race organized by Camp Wanakita. /Angelica Blenich photo



New addresses for Algonquin Highlands

County council learned that Canada Post would be changing addresses in the Algonquin Highlands area, removing rural route numbers.

The change was to align postal addresses with 911 addresses and Reeve Eleanor Harrison said the change would increase community pride.

As the year progressed, many found the changes cumbersome with mail delayed and new addresses poorly explained by Canada Post.

Tourism region split upsets county

New provincial tourism regions announced in December, 2009, dividing Haliburton County into two pieces angered the tourism sector and worried politicians.

In an effort to strengthen the province's tourism sector, the government carved up the province into 13 sectors to be individually promoted for shared characteristics.

The county was to be divided between Muskoka and the Ottawa Valley something Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey called "definitely wrong."

Partnership between doctor and midwife hatched

After being told by the regional health board that the Haliburton hospital did not have the volumes of babies delivered to continue services, the local board approved a working relationship between Dr. Norm Bottum and midwife Rebecca Weeks-Toth.

Bottum brought the proposal to the board that would allow the pair to petition the LHIN to reinstate the delivery services.

Kinmount streetscape disputed by storeowner

Hafiz Makani, owner of the Shop N' Save, started a petition against the Kinmount downtown upgrades planned for the year.

His problem was with the parking reduction that he thought would happen in front of his store if curbs were brought back to town.

Wolf worries surface

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told council Feb. 15 that he had received a larger than usual number of calls concerning wolf sightings.

Disturbingly, some of those included wolves that were unafraid of humans.

"People are saying that the wolves are showing

no fear of humans and I think it's very unusual for the wolf population coming so close to people and cottage areas," he said.

For the duration of the winter months, a debate raged between residents over whether wolves should be feared, whether they should be hunted and whether they posed a real danger.

Squatting charges dropped for group

Six people charged with unlawfully occupying a cottage on Kennisis Lake Road in November, 2009, had charges against them dropped.

Members of the group had also faced shoplifting charges after taking groceries, for which they refused to pay, from Dollo's IGA in October, 2009.

Those charges were also dropped.

Led by Victor Beck from Campbellford, the group practised a philosophy called "spiritual economics" that posited that as children of God they were entitled to all necessities of life, such as food and shelter, without paying for it.

Baby born in taxi back seat

On Feb. 12, Grumpy's taxi driver Stan Wilson witnessed the birth of Jason Spencer in his cab on the way to Minden hospital.

"[The baby] was born right there in the back seat" at 8:57 a.m. on County Road 121 at Gelert Road, Wilson told the *Minden Times*.

The parents – Emily Barry and Kyle Spencer of Irondale – were calm throughout the ordeal.



Gravity House chef Gerry Wills serves up a bowl of his winning chili at the competition during Minden's Winterfest. The festival also included ice races, children's games, curling and the opening of a new snowmobile bridge. /Jenn Watt photo

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McGuinty looks into tourism region split

After two months of public outcry over the division of Haliburton County between Muskoka and the Ottawa Valley for the province's new tourism regions, MPP Rick Johnson said the premier was aware of the problem.

"[Premier Dalton McGuinty] said he would look into it and see what he could do. He promised to look into it," Johnson told the *Minden Times* in an interview.

Municipality settles with Middleton family

Algonquin Highlands township signed a settlement agreement with the Middleton family for more than \$760,000 resolving a dispute that was scheduled to go before the Ontario Municipal Board.

The township paid the Middletons \$200,000 for 100 acres of their property in order to make way for the airport expansion project. But the Middletons weren't happy with that amount and exercised their right to pursue more compensation. They received \$150,000 for injurious affection and disturbance; \$52,334 for interest; and \$362,495 for legal, planning and other fees.

HHSS girls' snowboarders win gold

The Red Hawks snowboarders took home the gold at OFSAA March 3. The team of Tiffany vanLieshout, Christianna Walker, Arian Boots, Alex Muenzel and Holly Wu won the top spot. The boys' team won silver.

Walker's rink wins world bronze

Travelling to Switzerland for the world junior curling championships, Minden's Jake Walker and his Kitchener, Ont. team captured a bronze medal from the Chinese 7-1.

Crash leaves pilot uninjured

Police and members of Stanhope's fire department responded to a plane crash at the airport just after 3 p.m. on March 10.

The pilot, who was not injured, was attempting to land when he lost control of the plane, onlookers said.



This small plane flipped over as the pilot attempted to land at the Stanhope airport on March 10. According to onlookers, the pilot, who was uninjured, was a retired Air Canada pilot. /Chad Ingram photo

HHSS wrestlers win pile of medals

Christianna Walker took home a bronze from the OFSAA wrestling championship March 5-7. Teammate Nicole Mazara made the top eight. At the Ontario Winter Games, Kayla Gardiner took home bronze and Bailey Walker earned a silver medal.

Superbodies star stops by Sir Sam's

Dr. Greg Wells, who was the host of a popular series on the human body on CTV during the Olympics, came up to Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort March 15 to film an hour-long documentary for the Discovery Channel.

They chose the locale because it was one of the few areas that still had abundant snow cover in March.

Mike Jaycock named Highlander of the Year

At the annual Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards, Mike Jaycock was given the honour of Highlander of the Year. Other winners were the 4Cs, which received the Warden's Award; Ridgewood Ford for customer service; Organic Times for best small business; Rails End Gallery for best not-for-profit; Graeme Lloyd and Kyla Suchovs for youth of the year; Kawartha Dairy for best large business and McKecks for best new business.

DeBruin forced out of Iditarod

Hank DeBruin, co-owner of Winterdance Dogsled Tours in Haliburton, had to drop out of the sled dog race across Alaska.

Due to some miscommunication, DeBruin was under the impression he was mandated to leave the race because he wasn't going fast enough.

Upset at having to drop out of the race he had trained years for, DeBruin boarded a plane March 17 out of Unalakleet, Alaska.

White nose syndrome found in local bats

Ontario's first case of white nose syndrome in bats was discovered by the Ministry of Natural Resources in an abandoned mine site in the Haliburton County area. The syndrome, which is fatal to bats, has only been known to researchers for five years and has only been found in the United States, until now.

Atom AE team takes all-Ontario trophy

On March 20, the Atom AE team became the all-Ontario champions for groups four and five in their division of the OMHA.

It was a golden season for the team, which was also best in a series of tournaments. The Atom A team also made it to the all-Ontario finals.

HHSS boys' hockey team makes OFSAA

Wrapping up a stellar season, the Haliburton Red Hawks finished with 25 wins, five losses and two ties, including the playoffs.

Though they made it to the Ontario finals, they were eliminated from a chance at a medal.

Minden water tower \$1 million over budget

Minden council announced that the water tower would end up costing the township \$1 million more than expected.

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Province reunites county in tourism region

Warden Dave Burton received a letter from a ministry of tourism assistant deputy minister Michael Kurts informing him that Algonquin Highlands would be reunited with the rest of the county in region 11.

The original tourism regions had split the county between regions 11 and 12 with Algonquin Highlands placed in region 12 with Muskoka and the rest with the Ottawa Valley.

Steinkamp buys Applejack's restaurant

After announcing he would relaunch Old Country House as Aniz, a Mediterranean restaurant, local entrepreneur and McKecks owner Maarten Steinkamp announced he had purchased Applejack's restaurant.

MNR urges cool over dead coyotes

Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers followed up on two separate reports of abandoned coyote carcasses in the district. One pile was found near Minden in early April while the other was found near Dorset. The piles came on the heels of a very heated public debate over whether wolf populations were getting too large and too brazen.

Wilberforce fair gets \$35,000 grant

The annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair was awarded a \$35,000 grant from Celebrate Ontario, a government initiative that aims to support festivals in Ontario. The money was put toward new bleachers and lighting, among other things, during the popular summer event.

Streetscape project announced

MP Barry Devolin announced a \$1.1 million grant for Haliburton to revamp York Street. The money came from the Community Adjustment Fund and was to create a more pedestrian-friendly, aesthetically pleasing street.



Money was announced for the York Street construction in April. From left, Dysart CAO Tammy McKelvey, Councillor Janis Parker, Councillor Derek Knowles, Councillor Andrea Roberts, Deputy-revee Bill Davis, Barry Devolin's staff member Jamie Schmale and Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Farmers' market leaves Haliburton

The Haliburton Farmers' Market announced it would go to the Carnarvon intersection of Highways 118 and 35 for the 2010 summer after spending 2009 in Haliburton.

The inability to find a location closer to Haliburton's downtown forced the market to move.

Frost Centre closes

Two months shy of its third anniversary, the Frost Centre Institute north of Halls Lake closed down permanently because of overdue rent.

The institute took over from the Frost Centre in June 2007 with the intention of capitalizing on the environment and arts.

Despite all efforts, Al Aubry, the operator of the FCI, could not make the money necessary to keep it open.

Duchene nominated rookie of the year

Haliburton native Matt Duchene was one of three finalists nominated for the 2009-10 Calder Memorial Trophy for the NHL's rookie of the year.

"It's a pretty big honour," said Duchene of the nomination. "Coming in this year, it's something that I kind of had at the back of my head."

The nomination was announced April 22.

\$122,000 for the arts

Haliburton's arts community pulled in three major grants from the Ontario government totalling \$122,000 to promote performing arts, enhance cultural planning and improve museum infrastructure.



MPP Rick Johnson, left, hears directly from pharmacist Richard Smith about how things are run behind the counter. /Jenn Watt photo

Mindenites rally behind pharmacy

A large group of local residents crowded around the storefront of Minden's Pharmasave April 23 in anticipation of a visit from MPP Rick Johnson who was coming to discuss his government's decision to axe "professional allowances" which are rebates given to pharmacists by generic drug companies to stock their products.

The owners of Pharmasave had raised concern that the legislation would bite into their income, causing them to lay off workers.

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Tiffany Howe, right, accepts the emerging artist award from Sheryl Loucks at the Arts Council's gala May 1. /Jenn Watt photo

Gala honours some of county's best

Honours at the Arts Council's May 1 gala included Billy Janitsch for youth artist of the year, Tiffany Howe as emerging artist and the Art Hive collective for arts founder.

A tribute was given to Caryl Miller, a longtime theatre organizer/performer/supporter who was moving to Peterborough after decades in the Highlands.

The arts supporter award went to Laurie Jones and artist of distinction award went to Rose Pearson.

Barb Reid leads slate of candidates into Minden election

Minden Hills Councillor Barb Reid launched her campaign for reeve by revealing she'd be part of a slate of candidates.

Calling itself Vision 2010, the group held a news conference May 7 at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Larry Clarke, Brigitte Gall and Ken Redpath joined Reid on the Vision team.

Bad economy slows Watercolours condos

A combination of a sagging economy and site plan paperwork slowed down Watercolours Condominium development, the CEO of the development told the *Echo*.

"Things in the GTA here are a lot different than they are up there ... we won't get it going until things are better," Chuck Mady said.

The 150-unit lifestyle condos overlooking Head Lake won an Ontario Municipal Board hearing in March 2009.

Minden rates go up to pay for tower

The users of Minden Hills's water and sewer systems will be paying more for those services, councillors decided May 13.

Council passed a five-per-cent increase for both water and sewer user fees to pay off a \$1-million shortfall on the water tower project.

Donald plant to be restored

Sixty-four years after it was abandoned by the Standard Chemical Company, the distribution building in Donald is being reborn as a business hub in Haliburton County.

The owner of the building, Jim O'Connor, along with Leora Berman who is heading the project, announced their intention to revamp the deteriorating building.

They planned to find grant money to do the work.

Tourism town hall attracts 100 business leaders

Just in time for the summer season, tourism stakeholders from around the county came together May 12 to discuss the direction of the industry.

Organized and facilitated by Sally Moore and the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the event looked at tourism and the way it effects the Highlands.

Hockey Haven sold to former NHLer

Troy Binnie, a retired NHL player and Salerno Lake cottager, purchased the decades-old Hockey Haven summer camp.

His children have participated for a number of years and last year Binnie approached Pat Russell about buying the camp.

"I want to bring it back to what it was in the 1970s and early 1980s," Binnie said.

Reeve candidates emerge

Murray Fearrey announces he will try for 40 years in politics, running for reeve of Dysart once more. Dave Burton also announces he will run for reeve of Highlands East, as does Jim Mackie, then-deputy-reeve of Highlands East, followed by Jack Bartholomew.

HHSS wins huge at track and field championship

Medal winners at the COSSA regional championships May 19 included Sandy Griffith, Sarah Comer, Ali Hicks, Brigitta Hicks, Vicky Bukta, Christianna Walker, Andrew Murray, Drew Paul, Matt Rae, Zane Zondervan and Jesse LeFevre.

Share the Road wins municipal award

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities recognized Haliburton County for its contribution to transportation sustainability at the first-ever Municipal Awards of Excellence May 29.

Haliburton was presented with a sustainable community award for building capacity for active transportation in Haliburton County.

Enviro-heroes named at gala

At the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's annual gala May 28 in Minden, Jerry Walker was given the award for stewardship; Mary Anne Barkhouse and Michael Belmore for arts; Haliburton Highlands Water Trails for business of the year; the Children's Water Festival and Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning for education; and Sue Shikaze won the health promotion award.

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Candidates emerge for Dysart deputy-reeve

Then-councillor Janis Parker announced plans to challenge long-time Deputy-reeve Bill Davis in the upcoming October election. She joined Bob Nichol in the challenge. Nichol later dropped out of the race to run in Ward 4. Later Jerry Walker and Martin Lacey announced candidacy.

Head secretary wins impact award

The head secretary June Smith received the support staff Impact Award for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board June 2. Smith has been actively involved in community pursuits, organizing the Terry Fox Run and managing the music festival at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

County committee refuses Enduro bikes on Rail Trail

The economic development committee of county council recommended June 9 that Enduro bikes not be granted access to the 33-kilometre corridor running from Haliburton to Kinmount.



Gary Brohman, retired HHSS principal has said he will always be a Red Hawk. /Darren Lum photo

Brohman retires, Marsden takes over

Longtime high school principal Gary Brohman announced he would be retiring at the end of June. He came to the school in 1972.

Former HHSS teacher Dan Marsden was named as his replacement to begin September, 2010.

Dysart approves revamping Donald building

After a packed public meeting June 7 on plans to renovate and reopen the old Donald distribution centre, council approved the proposal.

Concerns were expressed about lighting, creating an aesthetically pleasing site and reducing traffic on the road.

Pogue and Paul named athletes of the year

High school students Kara Pogue and Drew Paul were given the Red Hawks' highest honour June 15. Other major award winners were also revealed that evening.

Runway gets green light

Algonquin Highlands announces plans to lay the groundwork for a second runway at Stanhope Airport in July with pavement for the 1,220-metre runway coming in October, 2010.

Infrastructure Canada granted the municipality the go-ahead June 9 in a draft environmental screening report.

Earthquake rattles Haliburton residents

The quake, which lasted about 10 seconds on June 23, originated near Echo Lake, Que., 60 kilometres north of Ottawa and measured a magnitude of 5.0.

Across the county, from Minden to Tory Hill, people reported glasses shaking and the earth rumbling. There were no injuries tied to the quake.

Duchene misses out on Calder Trophy

Colorado Avalanche forward and Haliburton native Matt Duchene was on hand at the NHL awards in Las Vegas June 23 to witness Buffalo Sabres defenseman Tyler Myers win the Calder Trophy for rookie of the year.

Minden finds water tower savings

Minden Hills township managed to make up \$250,000 of its \$1 million shortfall on the water tower project.

Township staff had met with reps from a consulting firm and found savings that would not compromise the "integrity of the overall system" council heard June 24.

Gullfest cancelled over low water levels

White Water Ontario announced that it would cancel the annual kayaking event in Minden since the Gull River was so low.

"This has been one of the driest springs on record due to lack of snow," said John Slot, director of the Minden Wild Water Preserve.



Young friends, from left, Jurgen Shantz, 7, Andre Dulong, 10, Monique Dulong, 8, and Xavier Dulong, 6, were with their parents at the fourth annual Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life in Haliburton this past year.

Relay for life raises \$208,000

Haliburton's cancer fundraiser brought in \$208,500, comparing solidly with bigger centres such as Peterborough (\$220,000) and the City of Kawartha Lakes (\$132,000).

"The event is not strictly about money, but [we can] certainly be proud of what we have raised," co-organizer Mike Iles said.

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Summer in Head Lake Park 2010



These performers do some Scottish country dancing during the Highland Games held at Head Lake Park. Mike Turner heads up the local group. /Chad Ingram photo



Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums were one of a number of pipe and drum band that performed during the Highland Games. /Chad Ingram photo



The popular Dusk Dances returned to Head Lake Park in 2010. Left, Zhenya Cerneacov, Brodie Stevenson and Mairead Filgate perform in the One Couch piece. /Darren Lum photo



Simply The Best Tina performer Sonia Ndongmo, walking to the right at the front, throws up a fist pump in front of young women, who were brought up on the stage for a rendition of the Tina Turner song Simply The Best during the main attraction at the inaugural Smile Festival in August 2010. /Darren Lum photo

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Drag queen “Plumvicious” strikes a pose during her performance at the end of the Fashion Fallies show, bringing people to their feet for a standing ovation of several minutes. /Darren Lum photo



Not just people but pets too took part in the annual Terry Fox Run in Haliburton Village on Sept. 19. The five-kilometre route wound its way around the shores of Head Lake. /Chad Ingram photo



The Candy Man scarecrow had a sweet face and came in third for the adult category of the Haliburton BIA's scarecrow contest. It was made by Haliburton's Cathy Henwood. /Darren Lum photo



Throngs of people gather on the midway between the games and the rides during the Rotary Carnival in Head Lake Park. /Darren Lum photo

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Dorset lights up sky

The Dorset fireworks were blazing across the night sky for this year's Canada Day celebration over the Lake of Bays on Saturday night, July 3. Hundreds gathered along the shoreline, docks and the bridge to watch the spectacle. /Darren Lum photo



Things in Head Lake Park got a wee bit Scottish on July 10 when it played host to the 22nd annual Haliburton Highlands Games. From caber tossing to sheep herding to bagpipes, the day was a well-attended celebration of all things Scottish. Brandon Hartmann prepares to toss the caber. Ideally the goal is to toss the five-metre tall log so that it flips end over end. /Chad Ingram photo

Group gears up on Enduro issue

A group forms at the end of June to rally against Enduro bikes on the Rail Trail at the July 7 county council meeting. Their efforts seem effective as the county decides to keep Enduros off the trails. A master plan review for the Rail Trail will be conducted in 2011, council decided.

Man charged at G20 has ties to Dysart

Gary McCullough, 53, who was living in Dysart et al was arrested and charged with possessing weapons for a dangerous purpose days before the G20 Summit in Toronto. The police search found a crossbow along with other tools such as a baseball bat, sledgehammer and a chainsaw.

Community Centre renamed after former reeve

The Glamorgan community centre was officially renamed the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre during a special ceremony July 1.

McCausland, who was a former reeve of Glamorgan and warden of the county, passed away in 1992 at the age of 49.

Business incubator acquires first tenant

Karra Wesley became the first entrepreneur to take advantage of a special creative business incubator project in the old Dysart library branch building.

The language school was soon followed by other businesses to be supported by the initiative, which provides mentorship and a work location for new business owners.

Runway to be delayed to 2011

The chief administrative officer of Algonquin Highlands said the Stanhope Airport expansion would not begin this year after hearing from the Federal Economic Development Agency.

The agency had received more than 200 messages from taxpayers in the municipality and due to workload and staff availability, the agency said it would be August before a thorough review of the letters began.

Bigwin back on Lake of Bays

On July 10, for the first time in 40 years the S. S. Bigwin took to the waters of Lake of Bays. More than 1,000 people flooded downtown Dorset to watch a crane place the century-old restored steamer in the lake whose waters it had travelled for so long.

Minden man found guilty of dumping pelts

A suspended sentence was given to R. Shayne McKelvey for abandoning eight eastern coyote pelts near Minden.

A part of the plea agreement was a donation of \$1,000 to the Haliburton outdoors association.

Although conservation officers found that all the animals were harvested legally, pelts cannot be abandoned or permitted to spoil unless they are of no commercial value.

Local golf show picked up by TV networks

Charlie Teljeur and Wayde Greer were given the go-ahead on the first season of *Highways to Fairways*, a reality show about two guys travelling North America in an RV in search of the most unique golf courses.

The show will launch on CHEX TV and OLN in Canada and R&R TV in the U.S.

Workers recover after lightning strike

A wild thunderstorm July 21 sent two municipal workers at the Tory Hill landfill site to hospital. While they were seated in the landfill's shack, lightning hit the fence outside and came up through the floor of the building, the workers said. Both were released from hospital with no serious injuries.

Haliburton Sportsmen's Show underperforms

Despite a significant amount of planning and dedication by Dysart, the Haliburton Sportsmen's Show failed to draw large crowds or attain overwhelming success in its first year.

Whether the town runs the show again will be decided by council.

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Smile Festival expects repeat performance

The Smile Festival will likely run again after the first event on Aug. 7 drew large crowds to the charity event.

Performances by the Northern Pikes along with a Tina Turner tribute band brought in more than \$7,000 for various local groups.

Tourism boon predicted

The county's economic development director says the new regional tourism organizations should prove a boon for the county.

The new organizations are tasked with promoting the unique characteristics of each area of the province.

Sawmill dispute cools

Less than a week after Haliburton Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum announced he'd shut down his sawmill over Dysart's application of the Ontario building code, he decided to hold off and see if a better resolution could be made.

On Aug. 14, Schleifenbaum met with Reeve Murray Fearrey to talk out the issues and the meeting was fruitful with the pair agreeing to resolve the issue rather than closing down the mill or bringing in a third-party evaluator.

County team brings back hardware from Summer Games

The Ontario Senior Summer Games concluded Aug. 12 in Oshawa and the county's team did better than ever. The Haliburton/Muskoka team brought back 13 medals including four golds.

Carol Moffatt runs for reeve

The only person to enter her name for reeve of Algonquin Highlands was Carol Moffatt, then a councillor for the Stanhope area.



Congregation members of Irondale's St. John's Anglican Church enter the building for a special ceremony marking the closing of the church. The Anglican Diocese of Toronto has chosen to close the church due to low attendance levels and financial concerns. /Chad Ingram photo

Bell tolls for Irondale's church

Built in 1887, Irondale's St. John's Anglican Church closed its doors at the end of August. The decision was made because of dwindling attendance, meaning very little money and few volunteers to carry out all of the necessary tasks.

The last Sunday service was held Aug. 29.

Bear sightings drop

The MNR confirmed that reports of bears in Algonquin Highlands had dropped substantially from the previous year. It was posited that a good food year for the bears was decreasing their dependence on food found around human dwellings.

MS sufferer charged with possession

After smoking marijuana for 30 years to offset the effects of slow progressing multiple sclerosis Jeff Pinney, 62, was charged Aug. 23 with possession of the drug in his Hyland Crest room in Minden.

"My only offence is being unable to get approval to use medical marijuana," Pinney said.

Wild Orchid closing

Beloved Thai food restaurant owners say they will close up shop and move to Thailand at the end of the year.

Ron Gamble and Suwan Khamduang put the building up for sale, but said if it didn't sell they might return next summer.

Drumming up support

Cross-country tour by a Haliburton trio brought in more than \$150,000 for a school in Angola over the summer.

Through personal networks, the connections of the United Church of Canada and some pure happenstance, Joe Truss, Barry Hayward, Christine Cullen (the Abbey North Drummers) made their way through 20 towns playing 40 gigs in 37 days starting May 1.

The group continued their efforts to rebuild the school with a drumathon.

Highlands East kicks off election

Questions from the audience of about 100 people at the first all-candidates meeting in the county centred around the three candidates for reeve – Jim Mackie, Jack Bartholomew and Dave Burton Aug. 28 at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

DeBruin to enter Yukon Quest

Local musher Hank DeBruin decided to enter the Yukon Quest in 2011. Similar to the Iditarod, the race is the less well-known of the multi-day races at 1,600 kilometres. The race starts in Whitehorse and finishes in Fairbanks.

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Trustee race pits Smith and Brohman

School trustee board chairwoman Valerie Smith hadn't mounted a campaign for her post in 10 years, but with the addition of newly retired principal Gary Brohman to the election race in October, she had to fight to keep her spot.

The campaign heated up over the next month between the two contenders – both popular and respected in the community.

Mackie drops out of reeve race

Deputy-reeve of Highlands East, Jim Mackie announced in early September that he would no longer be running for reeve.

Hundreds left off voters' list

Many local residents – even those who have lived and voted in the county for decades – were left off the voters' list due to a decision by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. The municipality of Dysart made a public plea for everyone to check if they were dropped from the list as early as possible.

Lions lawsuit names Kinmount businesses

Lions Clubs International is suing a number of Kinmount's community volunteers. The Kinmount Business Association, Kinmount Minor Sports and eight individuals were informed in late August that they were third-party defendants in a liability-related lawsuit being launched by the international service club.

The lawsuit dates back to 2006's Moonlight Mania, where a fight broke out hours after the event at a private residence. The event was put on by the Lions Club.



Laurie Scott was chosen by the local PC membership to represent them in the 2011 election. /file photo

Laurie Scott crowned PC nominee

Laurie Scott will lead the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Progressive Conservative party into the next provincial election.

She got the party membership's nod in a very convincing first ballot victory Sept. 18.

Pool talk dominates candidates meetings

The concept of a public pool in Haliburton County dominated the discussion at an all-candidates meeting for Dysart et al township Sept. 18.

The meeting, hosted by the county's media drew some 200 people to Fleming College.

Hospital looks at complete smoking ban on property

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board considered a complete smoking ban on its properties at a meeting Sept. 23.

One board member said the policy would make it clear to the public that the board is on the side of smoking cessation. They agreed to discuss it again at a later date.



The Minden Hills fire department search the Gull River for the 67-year-old Uxbridge man who drowned. The OPP's Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) recovered the body Sept. 16. /Darren Lum photo

Man's body found in Gull River

The Haliburton Highlands OPP recovered the body Sept. 16 of the 67-year-old Uxbridge man who drowned in the Gull River south of Moore Falls.

Police said there were two men attempting to load a boat onto a trailer when the truck and attached trailer rolled into the river from the boat launch off Moore Lakes Estates Road Sept. 15. One man made it to shore, while the other was carried off and later drowned.

Fur flies over Beaver Theatre renovations

The Beaver Theatre was tied up in litigation as the owner sued several local businesses and the township of Minden Hills over alleged faulty construction.

Fionnula Martin, owner and operator of the theatre, which was closed December, 2009, was seeking \$28 million in damages.

Irondale man dies in crash

A 71-year-old Irondale man was killed in a crash on Kawartha Lakes Road 121 near Burnt River on Sept. 28. Caro Mintz was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash.

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Dysart deputy-reeve race gets messy

With only three weeks left before the election, an ad aired on Canoe FM that ruffled the feathers of deputy-reeve candidate Janis Parker.

Bill Davis, incumbent deputy-reeve, launched an attack ad on Parker regarding two mail-outs she did to constituents.

The mail-outs were tailored to their audience (fulltime and seasonal residents), which Davis raised issue with.

Parker said the letters were meant to address the concerns of specific audiences and that she wasn't trying to hide any agenda.

The ads were pulled.

Botched ballots in Stanhope

When voters in Ward 2 of Algonquin Highlands received their voting kits they noticed the ballots, some 4,300 in all, asked them to pick one of the three councillor candidates for the ward.

Trouble was, Ward 2 had two councillor seats and voters were supposed to vote for two, not one.

An "emergency election" was called with a second round of ballots released and a new election date set for late November.

Dorset firefighters quit en masse

Algonquin Highlands accepted the resignation of three of its firefighters over what was called an "internal personnel" issue.

It was later discovered the firefighters were quitting over an undisclosed dispute with the training officer.

Minden physician writes letter concerning election

In early October, patients of Dr. Bennet Wu received letters from the physician about the municipal election endorsing reeve candidate Jim McMahon, deputy-reeve candidate Cheryl Murdoch and councillor candidate Lisa Schell.

A number of people were distressed over the letter, which they felt was inappropriate, including reeve candidate Barb Reid.

County's size a challenge, minister says

On a tour of the county with local MPP Rick Johnson, Minister of Children and Youth Services Laurel Broten spoke with workers at Point in Time, the Children's Aid Society and the YWCA about the challenges in the community.

The primary concern she heard, was dealing with the vast spaces between service providers.



Highlands East firefighter Shawn Heasman, left, and fire chief Bill Wingrove survey the damage done to a residence in Wilberforce after it exploded on Oct. 20. The cause of the explosion has yet to be determined. /Angelica Blenich photo

Man survives house explosion

Ted Procher, 67, managed to escape his Essonville Line home relatively unharmed after it exploded Oct. 20. He was alone inside the house when it happened.

He was released from hospital just a few days after the explosion. "I count my lucky stars. It was an experience," he told the *Echo*.

An investigation into the cause is still ongoing.

Vision 2010 slate sweeps Minden election

All four members of the Vision 2010 Team won their seats in the Minden Hills election Oct. 25. Barb Reid became reeve; Brigitte Gall (Ward 1); Ken Redpath (Ward 2) and Larry Clarke as councillor at large. Also elected were Lisa Schell for Ward 1 (which has two seats); Jean Neville (Ward 3) and Cheryl Murdoch as deputy-reeve.

The election was an upset for long-time reeve Jim McMahon who lost by just more than 300 votes.

Schultz defeats Griffin in Algonquin Highlands

Ward 3 was taken by newcomer Gary Schultz, who campaigned on change over incumbent Diane Griffin in the Oct. 25 municipal election. Carol Mofatt was acclaimed as reeve as was Gord Henderson for Ward 1 councillor.

Brohman takes reins at school board

Former high school principal Gary Brohman won the public school board trustee position by 692 votes in a race that pitted two highly experienced, well-liked individuals against one another for a single seat. He defeated Valerie Smith, who had been the trustee for the county for a decade.

Davis defends post

Despite the field of four candidates, the race for deputy-reeve came down to a choice between Janis Parker and incumbent Bill Davis. Parker lost by 321 votes to Davis with Jerry Walker and Martin Lacey in third and fourth respectively. Other councillors elected included Andrea Roberts for Ward 1, Dennis Casey for Ward 2, Steve Pogue for Ward 3, Susan Norcross for Ward 4 and Walt McKechnie for Ward 5.

Newcomers dominate Highlands East election

There were some new faces after the Highlands East municipal election was over Oct. 25 with Joan Barton elected to Ward 4, Cecil Ryall in Ward 3 and Steve Kauffeldt in Ward 1. Reeve Dave Burton easily won his seat back over Jack Bartholomew and Suzanne Partridge was 236 votes ahead of her rival, Basil Cox.

Hospitals crack down on smoking

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board decided on Oct. 28 to prohibit smoking on all of its property – from the buildings to the sidewalks, right to the edges of the lawn – beginning in 2012.

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Bell gives 'significant' amount to Winterfest

The Ontario Senior Games has a new friend in Bell thanks to a fundraising announcement made on Nov. 15 by organizers of Winterfest 2011.

Bell was named the presenting sponsor of the games after committing a "significant," yet undisclosed, financial contribution and in-kind donations to the event, scheduled to take place throughout Haliburton County in February.



Larry Porter found a WWI medal in his backyard. /Jenn Watt photo.

Man looks for family of WWI vet

Two feet under the earth of Larry Porter's backyard, a British War Medal from the First World War rested.

No one knows how long it was there, how it got there or whose it was. The name engraved was E.B. Lee, but none of the local Lees know who that is.

Man survives minor propane furnace explosion

Rick Shank, 45, returned home to Haliburton after spending 10 days in intensive care in the burn unit at Sunnybrook Hospital following a minor explosion on Nov. 3.

The accident was the result of a flashback that hit Shank while lighting the pilot light of a propane furnace in the house adjoined with Bernstein's department store.

He was released from hospital Nov. 12, returning home to recover.

Devolin backs firefighter tax credit

Volunteer firefighters deserve a tax credit for the work they do in rural Ontario, local MP Barry Devolin said at the Warden's Banquet Nov. 19.

He told the audience that getting better compensation for the work of firefighters is on the front burner for him and has good support in Ottawa.

Harrison, McMahon honoured at Warden's Banquet

Jim McMahon and Eleanor Harrison were honoured by their peers and county staff workers for their long service to the Highlands at the Warden's Banquet Nov. 19.

Dysart reeve and fellow county councillor Murray Fearrey wished them well.

"I think Jim McMahon's been at the county table for 22 years and Eleanor's been there for 18. ... We're lucky in Haliburton County to have people make the commitments that these people have."

Library success brings demand for staff

Board members of the Haliburton County Public Library said that the incredible success of the system means more staff is necessary.

"The staff is running at probably 110 per cent all the time. They work very, very hard," board member Nancy McLuskey.

The library surpassed the 100,000-circulation mark in late October, the previous year the circulation was just less than 80,000.

Third party hired to solve Dorset fire hall dispute

The independent review of what caused members of the Dorset fire department to quit earlier in the fall was launched.

Fire professional Ted McCollough of North Bay was hired by the municipality Nov. 16 and began his investigation Nov. 22.

Palliative care units considered

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is looking at the creation of a palliative care, hospice-type space at its Haliburton Village facility.

HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush told members of the board at its Nov. 25 meeting that increased palliative care space was something the county would need as its aging population continues to get older.

Painter of Highlands passes away at 100

Doris McCarthy visited Haliburton often, painting with her good friend Ethel Curry. Her art still hangs at the Haliburton Hospital beside Curry's. She passed away Nov. 25 at the age of 100.

Free dental clinic plan hatched

Dentist Bill Kerr and dental hygienist Lisa Stoughton motivated members of the community to launch a free clinic for low-income adults (and some children) in Haliburton Village.

A board was formed to manage the clinic with a spring opening predicted.

Barry, Danielsen new Stanhope councillors

Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen are the new councillors for Algonquin Highlands Ward 2, the former Stanhope township.

The pair beat out the township's retired chief administrative officer, Gerald Bain, in the Nov. 29 byelection in the ward.

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A salter truck lies in a ditch along Highway 118 after skidding off the road and taking out a hydro line on Dec. 2. /Angelica Blenich photo

First snowfall claims 15 vehicles

There were 15 reports of motor vehicle collisions in the county after the first serious snowfall left behind 11 centimetres of snow on Dec. 1.

Welfare cases up 6.5 per cent

The number of Ontario Works recipients is up again this year in Haliburton County with 6.5 per cent more cases in November, 2010, than November, 2009.

Supporting 438 individuals (through 263 OW cases), the need for social assistance payments has continued to rise even after the recession was declared over by economists.

Minden Hills council swears in twice

On Dec. 6 the new Minden Hills council was sworn in publicly, though it was the second time the councillors had taken these oaths after being sworn in at a meeting on the morning of Dec. 1.

Reeve Barb Reid said the decision to push up the swearing in was made by township staff in the absence of chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison, in whom the powers of council had been vested until the inauguration Dec. 6.

Crisis calls up at YWCA

Calls to the county's women's centre have been steadily increasing over the last three years from those looking for a way out of abusive situations, the YWCA said.

In the 2009/2010 fiscal year, the organization logged 624 calls from women in crisis or looking for support, up nine per cent from the year before.

New deputy-reeve in Algonquin Highlands

Liz Danielsen was chosen as the deputy-reeve of Algonquin Highlands Dec. 14 by the new council. No other councillor expressed interest in the position.

Women tip county's political scales

After Suzanne Partridge was chosen as deputy-reeve of Highlands East by her fellow councillors Dec. 14 (with no other candidate stepping forward), the composition of county council tipped to 63 per cent female.

County council now has two women from Minden (Barb Reid and Cheryl Murdoch), two from Algonquin Highlands (Carol Moffatt and Liz Danielsen) and one from Highlands East (Suzanne Partridge).

Murray Fearrey Warden for 2011

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey was chosen to be warden of Haliburton County in 2011 by the new county council Dec. 14.

This is the 10th time he has been warden in a career spanning nearly 40 years.

Wigamog set to reopen in January

The New Wigamog Resort announced it would reopen in phases beginning January 2011. The resort had been closed for more than a year with very little public information about why it closed or when it would reopen.

Substantial renovations are ongoing.



The new county is, from left, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch. /Chad Ingram photo

Council begins paying back \$1.3 million on runway

The new Algonquin Highlands council began mopping up the township's financial mess.

At their first regular meeting Dec. 16, councillors voted to pay off nearly \$700,000 of the nearly \$1.3 million debt acquired over the Stanhope Airport project.

They deferred a decision on the airport project seeking more information before deciding the project's fate.

All elected to council are critical, if not outright opposed to, a second runway.

G20 trial begins for Haliburton man

Gary McCullough had a loaded crossbow in his car when he was arrested in downtown Toronto just days before the G20 Summit in June, national media reported.

On Dec. 20, his trial began revealing details about why police pulled him over and what he was carrying.

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Men and women, who served and are serving their country, were honoured at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the newly renovated cenotaph in Haliburton this past Remembrance Day. /Darren Lum photo



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' hockey team travelled to Lake Placid, New York and won the American Cup after a three-day hockey tournament in mid December. /Darren Lum photo

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Land trust maps ecologically important areas

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Editor

Wetlands likely to house Blanding's turtles and forests with the prime conditions for Whip-poor-wills will be much easier to identify after all of the data compiled by two key land trust projects are fleshed out.

A wetland reconnaissance and community mobilization initiative along with a species at risk modeling update funded by Environment Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources respectively, have given the county's land trust some of the knowledge it needs to successfully protect the environment and species that make the Highlands special.

"Our mission for the land trust is to protect the natural heritage: the plants and the animals and the special natural features of Haliburton County for future generations," said Haliburton Highlands Land Trust chairperson Sheila Ziman. "When we started in 2004, we were keen to do that, but we had a little problem that we didn't have enough information on what those special areas and plants and animals that needed protection were. What were they and where were they? It all started there. What did we need to protect and where was it? We needed this data to inform our conservation efforts."

At the time, the information was sparse; there were only 75 documented sightings of species at risk.

"Both those projects asked for public input and now we have 350 reported sightings in our database. That's 350 that would be added to that 75," Ziman said.

The sightings have come largely from the public, who were asked to contact project biologist Paul Heaven with sightings of species at risk, such as the wood turtle or the chimney swift.

That information, once confirmed, has led the land trust – along with the government ministries that funded the projects – to create maps and models of where these species can be found.

That knowledge can help preserve the landscapes that foster those plants and animals.

"What I'm working on right now is habitat modeling – trying to figure out where these species are distributed throughout our landscape," said Heaven.

"With the wetland work we were trying to figure out what other wetlands were important in the county. Very little investigative wetland work has been done in the county to date.

It's overwhelming when we think we have about 20,000



Blanding's turtles are one of the species at risk that live in Haliburton County.
/File photo

wetlands and we haven't even begun to look at them to find out which ones are important."

Although the county has policies around preserving ecologically important land, there is no data to support those policies.

It is something the work of the HHLT will assist with.

During the past summer and into the fall, the HHLT partnered with The Land Between to run educational workshops about reptiles and birds at risk.

The workshops included information on how to identify different species, which Ziman credits for some of the sightings from the public.

"Last summer we offered reptiles at risk workshops – we had five throughout the county – and you could see the momentum building," she said.

The first workshop had seven participants.

"By the end of the summer we had 82 in Wilberforce. That was the last workshop," she said.

Both Heaven and Ziman were thrilled with how engaged the public was with work around local biodiversity and conserving sensitive species.

"The community response was fantastic. We got much more than we originally anticipated. The land trust is just thrilled with the community involvement and obvious snowballing effect," Ziman said.

The land trust is planning to continue its research into the county's ecologically important areas, now applying for another MNR grant.

They are also launching a second Species at Risk Journal at R.D. Lawrence Place on Feb. 19.

"We're going to have a journal launch and someone from Bird Studies Canada is going to do a couple of presentations for us because out of those eight species [at risk] that were newly listed – they're all found in Haliburton – seven of them are birds," Ziman said.

More information on the launch event will appear in the *Echo* closer to the date.

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Space, comfort and convenience are the three criteria probably at the top of the list of in-vehicle desires for most kids, even those too young to articulate them. But since Mom and Dad sign the cheques, value and safety are up there too. And let's not forget some enjoyment behind the wheel.

With all that in mind, here is our entirely subjective list of 10 vehicles your family will love.

Volvo V50 (\$35,495-\$38,495)

Nothing says "safe" like a Volvo, but these days, they're also lovely to drive and (dare we say it?) stylish to boot. The V50 offers a turbocharged five-cylinder engine to keep the driver amused, and the safety features you're counting on: ABS, EBD, emergency brake assistance, dynamic stability and traction control, and a bunch of airbags. It's a roomy wagon with seating for five, and the kids will like the front seatback pockets for their goodies. Interior materials are tested for contact allergies, and they're 85 per cent recyclable, which the kids will appreciate someday.

Dodge Grand Caravan (\$27,995-\$33,995)

Don't let the segment scare you. Dodge's Stow 'n Go seating (now with more comfort!) is still arguably one of the niftiest family features ever to come down the assembly line, but the 2011 Grand Caravan has some new moves too, with ample safety features such as a Rear Cross Path detection system and blind-spot monitoring. A new "super" centre console offers pass-through storage for larger items and nifty glowing trim rings. The Stow 'n Place roof rack lets owners stow the roof bows when not in use for better aerodynamics.

Nissan Quest (est. \$30,000-\$40,000)

It's a whole new Quest for 2011, with a complete overhaul inside and out. Family-friendly features abound, with dual opening glass moonroofs, one-touch power sliding

side doors, second-row power windows, covered permanent rear storage well, conversation mirror, second and third-row theatre-styling seating, low step-in height and available 11-inch colour monitor. Six cupholders and eight bottle-holders come standard.

Honda Odyssey (\$29,990-\$46,990)

Ask 10 auto journalists which minivan drives the best, and nine of them will say Odyssey. (The other one will smirk and walk away in disgust.) The Odyssey gets an overhaul for 2011 too. Features that got it on the list include seating for eight (seven in LX); five latch positions for child restraint seats (four on LX, and Heaven help you if you need them all); available rear 16.2-inch ultrawide split-screen display; cool box to keep the bevies frosty (EX-L and above) and removable front floor console and flip-up trash bag ring (EX and above).

Ford Flex (\$29,999-\$49,599)

A three-row, full-size crossover with personality, the Flex offers optional AWD, the nifty Sync infotainment system and a refrigerated console mounted between the second-row captain's chairs. It uses a Personal Safety System to tailor airbag and seatbelt functions to individual passengers and also features active park assist, pull-drift compensation, rearview camera and persistent "Belt-Minder" chime. Plus, it looks really cool.

Subaru Outback (\$28,995-\$40,795)

Sporty families will love Subaru's excellent symmetrical all-wheel drive (no chance of missing the big game due to snow!) as well as an easily accessible roof-rack system (which uses built-in, swing-out crossbars to load up your bikes, skis, kayaks and whatnot), lots of safety features and room for five. Tech-savvy kids will appreciate Bluetooth connectivity and MediaHub with USB input that charges your iPod and lets you select your tunes through the car audio controls. They've redesigned the rear suspension for more useable space, plus it's got a cargo cover, under-floor storage, tie-down hooks and a power outlet back there.

Mazda5 (\$21,795-\$24,395)

A nifty alternative to minivans and hulking seven-passen-

ger SUVs, the Mazda5 offers a completely redesigned 2012 model with a new 2.5-litre four-cylinder that promises decent fuel economy and 157 horses. Ergo, no 2011 model. Its comparatively compact size makes it a great urban choice. It features second-row captain's chairs that slide and recline and a 50/50-split third row. There's still a wee bit of storage behind the third row (426L with it folded flat) Mazda says will accommodate a baby stroller.

Chevrolet Traverse (\$35,715-\$50,540)

Traverse offers a SmartSlide feature for easy access to the third-row seats, rear-seat entertainment with second-row controls (yay!) and seating for up to eight. It's got a power rear liftgate and lots of safety features, including StabiliTrak electronic stability control with rollover mitigation, panic brake assist, traction control, six standard airbags and OnStar.

Dodge Caliber (\$14,595-\$21,995)

The cheap and cheerful Caliber has a lot to offer budget-conscious families, with standard side-curtain airbags, Chill Zone cooled-beverage storage bin, Uconnect phone with voice command, iPod control, Sirius satellite radio, remote keyless entry and good fuel economy as low as 6.3 L/100 km (highway, when fitted with the 2.0-litre engine).

Hyundai Equus (\$62,999-\$69,999)

If you want to squeeze all the value you can out of a decent budget, Hyundai's new flagship offers creature comforts galore, and a backseat that will make your rug rats feel like royalty. Its very long list of standard features includes the safety-oriented (vehicle stability management with pre-collision warning, nine airbags, lane departure warning, smart cruise control, parking assistance with rearview camera) and the convenience-oriented (rear side-window sunshades, power trunk lid, power reclining, heated rear seats). The "Ultimate" trim level adds leg support and massage system to the first-class passenger-side rear seat, cooled rear seats, rear-seat entertainment system and thermoelectric rear centre console refrigerator. But then you'd have to call your kid "Sir."

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Nominations

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Please ensure the nominee fits all criteria of the Award and provide proper explanation to assist the nomination committee in their decisions.

Nominations will be accepted until December 10th, 2010.

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Kendra Kellett, Membership Services, P.O. Box 147,

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Boys basketball team win close match against Gravenhurst

The following HHSS sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Dec. 17 to 19

The boys' Red Hawk hockey team came away from a tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y. as the American Cup

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champions after defeating teams from Quebec, Delaware, Lakefield College, and Brandon, Man. on their way to the gold medal.

The junior boys' basketball team played a solid game against Gravenhurst, showing poise and confidence in the offensive end and playing a tenacious defence as HHSS won by a 38-25 score.

The senior boys' basketball team travelled to Gravenhurst, where they trounced the Griffins by a 57-30 score. Damon Flatman and Jesse Lefebvre notched 14 points apiece, Chris Allison had 12 points and Luke Watson had eight points.

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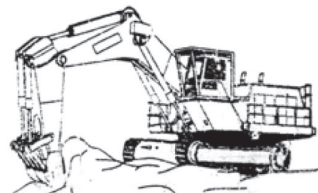
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Dec. 20

The senior girls' volleyball team travelled to Lindsay where they competed against Fenelon, Weldon, LCVI and St. Thomas Aquinas. The girls played hard and managed to split a set with Fenelon and St. Thomas.

Dec. 21

The boys' Red Hawk hockey team played their second game of the week, defeating Lakefield by a score of 9-0 after battling Fenelon Falls to a 5-3 score earlier in the week. The two wins place the Hawks in first place in the Kawartha standings, with a 6 and 0 record.

The junior girls' volleyball team travelled to Fenelon Falls for a five-game tournament where an awesome performance led to victories against St. Thomas and AAA I.E. Weldon.

The snowboarding team took part in timed trials where the top three girls were Holly Wu, Jessica Bishop and Kayla Gardiner. Top three boys were Greg Foster, Kevin Brand, and Mackenzie Robinson.

The Lady Hawks "hawkey" team played an exhibition game against Gravenhurst where they dominated play and emerged with an uncontested win.

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Bantam AE Storm rolls into Tweed

The Parker Pad and Printing Highland Storm Bantam AE team took part in a Christmas week tournament in Tweed. They faced the home town Hawks in the first game and went down to defeat 4-2. Braden Roberts scored both goals for the Storm with Angus Sullivan and Lucas Esson drawing the assists.

In the second game they faced the Campbellford Colts. Once again they suffered a loss with 5-3 being the final score. Braden Roberts led the way with a goal and two assists, Sullivan and Esson each had a goal and assist, while Conner Gadway also had a helper.

Despite losing two games, based on goal differential, the Storm gained a berth in the B final versus the Central Hastings Grizzlies. The Storm saved their best effort of the day for the final game. The defensive corps of Connor Gadway, Loic Muli and Stuart Searle played almost flawlessly. The Storm struck first at 3:31 of the second period when Mac Monk-Cray backhanded home a nice set up from Hunter Bishop and Gadway. Braden Roberts tallied at 5:37 of the third when he was sent in alone on a nice pass from Angus Sullivan. Logan Churko held the fort the rest of the way for the shutout and the B championship.

In regular season action on Dec. 28, the Bantams travelled to Lindsay to face the Muskies. In spite of a depleted lineup the Storm put up a robust effort against the top team in the league. Kirk Lopez had the best opportunity to score for the Storm but was hauled down on a breakaway, unfortunately no penalty shot was awarded and the Storm was unable to capitalize with a man advantage. The final score was 3-0, bringing the Storm's record to six wins, four loses, and three ties.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

After the puck

Colorado Avalanche's Matt Duchene, left, and Edmonton Oilers' Jordan Eberle fight for the puck during the first period of their NHL hockey game in Edmonton on Dec. 30.
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Sad time of year to lose loved ones

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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The column begins on two sad notes. Marie Zahab's mother died early in the morning of Dec. 21, 2010, while on a Christmas visit with Marie and her husband David Zilstra.

Marion Barry also died on that day at Extendicare, which had been her home for the past months.

We offer our sympathy over these two sad times for both families. How distressing to have to face these circumstances when others are able to celebrate with joy at this time of year.

The rest of the column will read like a personal social calendar, much the way many of yours will read. On Dec. 21, we accepted Jim and Glenda Burk's invitation to supper and to watch an all-time classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Keith Burns dropped in for his annual thank you from me which takes the form of

homemade mincemeat. Darlene Osborn, Margaret and Jim Milne, Mae Newcombe, Wayne Cooper, Valerie Henderson and Greg Cooper each called in at various times with timely and delicious gifts! In between, I finished writing and posting cards, making mincemeat tarts, decorating the spruce tree Earl brought down from the bush and practising with Kathleen our annual duet on the piano: *The Arrival of Santa Claus*.

Your schedules may be different, but you'll see similarities, I'm sure, all accomplished somehow in between preparations

for visitors, family and friends and all that extra cleaning in happy anticipation for the arrival of Santa Claus. May the season be filled with many blessings for you and yours and the New Year bring you happiness and health.

Euchre repeated itself when for the second time in a row Leon and Alice Jones won with top scores. Low scores went to Norma Geddis and Bill Geddis. Most lone hands: Liz Jesseman and Ray Campbell. Specials went to Ed Muenzel.

Notice



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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD

DATE: February 14th, 2011

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of an original allowance for road located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

Owner: Greif Bros Canada Inc.

Location: Percy Lake Rd – Percy Lake.

- Part of Lots 21, 22 & 23, Concession 9, Part of Pine Point Road, Registered Plan 524 and All of the 1 foot Reserve, Registered Plan 524, Geographic Township of Harburn.
- Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Consulting Ltd. dated May 12, 2010, being available for review in the Planning Department.

Owner: David and Kendra Lavergne

Location: Dudley Road – Drag Lake.

- Part of Original Allowance for Road, between Lots 10 & 11, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Dudley.
- Defined as Parts 28, 29 and 30 on plan 19R-5027 of survey, prepared by Bishop and Wilson Ltd. dated December 6, 1990, being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

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Patricia E. Martin
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• **Ladies Night at the Dorest Recreational Center.** Ladies, join in for an evening of fun at this new monthly activity(to take place the 1st Wednesday of the month) The inaugural Ladies Night stating at 7pm on January 5 has a theme of " Spa Night". The cost is \$5 per person and all ladies are welcome. Call the Rec Center to sign up.

• **January 12th : Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild Meeting.** 1 pm at St. Georges Anglican Church, Mountain St. Haliburton. Everyone Welcome. For more info call Sharon 286-1531

• **January 12 to 18th -- the Taoist Tai Chi Society TM is holding open houses in Haliburton,** Kinmount, Minden and Wilberforce to introduce the start of new classes. Taoist Tai Chi TM is a gentle form of exercise which can help you improve your strength, flexibility and balance. For more information, please call Wilma 457-1909 or visit www.haliburtonecho.ca

• **January 13th: Leaders Prayer Breakfast** at the West Guilford Community Center at 8:30am. Join us as we pray for the leaders of our land. Tickets are \$12.50 and can be purchased at one of the following host churches: Lighthouse Pentacostal Church; St. George's Anglican Church; The Bridge Lakeside Baptist Church; Eagle Lake Community Church; West Guilford Baptist Church.

• **January 16th : Lochlin Community Center is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner.** Spaghetti and homemade meat sauces will be served with salad, roll and dessert. Adults\$10, Kids under 12 \$6, Children under 4 free. Seating available for 4:30 and 5:45 dinner. For reservations call Lethia at 286-1398. Please come and support our community.

• **January 24th to March 6th : Family Math at Archie Stouffer School.** From 5-7 pm. For families with children in Junior/Senior Kindergarten and Grade 1. What do bears, bugs and bubbles have in common? They can help your child learn math! Come and join 6 sessions of FUN! Light supper provided. Take home surprises each week. Space is limited so please register by phoning 286-4625 or emailing oeycparented@bellnet.ca.

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Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Everything old is new again

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

A new year and new chapters in this year's book of life in Wilberforce are about to be written and lived. New efforts, new directions, new celebrations though many will concern existing groups and events. But as they say, every thing old is new again.

The Loop Troupe meets on Wednesday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at the LWMC. A new year is time for membership renewal and production planning. And time for new and former members to think about getting involved

in some community theatre. On stage or behind the scenes it can be a good experience.

After the holiday break regular curling leagues resume play this week at the club. The first bonspiel of the year is coming up on Jan. 14 and 15.

In February the Ontario Senior Games-Winterfest 2011 comes to Haliburton County. As they say, there will be seriously cool fun here from Feb. 15 to 17 with curling and hockey action scheduled for Wilberforce. Other sports included in Winterfest 2011 are Nordic and downhill skiing, volleyball, table tennis, 10-pin bowling and duplicate bridge. How exciting to have competi-

tors from across Ontario being hosted here in our county. How great to have seniors so involved in winter sports.

The Wilberforce Agricultural Society invites you to a potluck supper and its annual general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Lloyd Watson Centre. Supper is at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Attend and learn about the workings of the Wilberforce Fair.

The organization of the Wilberforce School's 100th anniversary celebrations will be getting into high gear as we have finally hit the big year. It really is something to celebrate. Sure there will be good memories and bad ones too. But the thought that there has been a school in that particular location for 100 of the 144 years since Confederation is truly something to cheer about. The staff is not only including history of the school in their curriculum they are working hard on the committee to make the special celebrations on the last weekend in April a very special time for former staff and students as well. So let's dig through our treasures and locate photos and other artifacts from the school's past that could be shared in displays.

Let's get our Wilberforce enthusiasm revved up about the main celebrations at the school. There surely are many ways as a community we can also add some additional activities to support the main action at the school. Returning staff and students will appreciate refreshments and places for breaks and to gather if the school gets crowded or after it closes. And the weather can be very fickle even on April 30. Call me

with ideas.

Ever wonder how the local museum operates, how this "taken for granted" old building on the main street got to be a National Historic Site? Drop in on the annual general meeting on Monday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. and meet some of the folks who serve on the Wilberforce Heritage Board that operates the Red Cross Outpost Historic House. Get the inside information on the work it takes by volunteers supported by the municipality of Highlands East to preserve, promote and operate this very special place. All welcome.

The Outpost will be only one of the places to be featured in another event new to Highlands East. Doors Open Ontario is coming to communities in this area on the second weekend in June 2011. Doors Open is an event where a number of sites will be open free to the public. Sites are selected for their historical, cultural and architectural features. Some will be well known to some. Others will not. This is a weekend where people are given the opportunity to visit ones they have been curious about and never had the opportunity to see.

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Rita Zahab

On Tuesday, December 21st, 2010 Rita Zahab of Ottawa passed away suddenly at Haliburton hospital at the age of 78. She was predeceased by her husband Alfred Joseph Zahab and her parents Clarisse and Fred Lacasse. Rita was the beloved mother of Michael (Tara), Marc (Julie) of Toronto, Marie-Lee (David Zilstra) of Haliburton, Mélanie (Ismet Berisha) and Philippe. She was the proud and loving grandmother (sitou/grand-mère) to Matthew, Nicholas, Tau and Mia and dear sister to Bobby Lacasse (Winnie) of Victoria and the late Mary Lauzier (Elsie & family). She will be profoundly missed by her many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, whom she adored. We are grateful to the dedicated staff at Starwood for helping her recover her vitality, humour and effervescence so that she could devote herself to what she loved, baking, laughing, caring for and nurturing us all.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Rita's life will take place at Capital Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 3700 Prince of Wales Ottawa, Ontario on Tuesday, December 28th. Visitation will be at 10 am, service at 11 am with a reception to follow. For those wishing, memorial donations may be made in memory of Rita to the Starwood Family Support Group in care of Extendicare Starwood, 114 Starwood Road, Nepean, Ontario K2G 3N5 or the Canadian Cancer Society. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209

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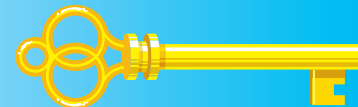
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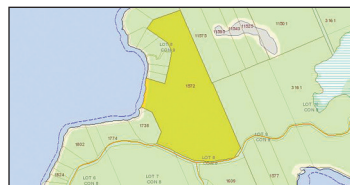
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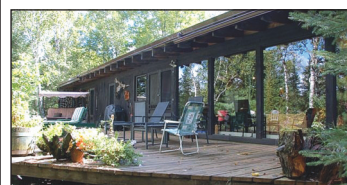
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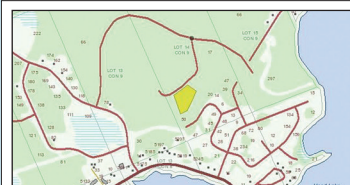
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Large 2.01 ac subdivision lot. Raymac Corp. 3br home. 1682sf, full bsmt, Dbl grg. Quality materials & workmanship, Tarion Warranty. Ask for specs.

\$334,900



INCOME OPPORTUNITY

4 unit apartment building. Good location. Easy rentals. Immaculate grounds, paved driveway, easy highway access. Live in, rent out, tenants pay the mortgage.

\$299,999



LARGE FAMILY HOME

Large home on 28 ac at Cardiff Lake. Full walkout basement ideal for a granny flat. Spacious rooms, closets, European style. Lot of potential with some updating.

\$299,000



STORMY LAKE

The perfect package! 3br cottage on level lot. Big lake view, sand shore. S/W exposure. Private. 2 sheds, Shoreline deck. Firepit. Tidy & ready to go!

\$298,000



SUPER STARTER COTTAGE

2 bedrm cottage on Cardiff Lake water's edge. Clean shoreline, pretty view, Good Yr md r road. Open living/kitchen area, 3pc bath, covered verandah.

\$247,000



COUNTY ROAD 21 HOME

Top location between Haliburton & Minden on nearly 5 acres. Privacy, country surroundings with a very well maintained 3BR home plus large garage. Good value for your family home or investment.

\$239,900



HIGHWAY 35

12 Mile Lake right across the road. Great view, great location for a home based business. Spacious, bright appealing home. Many upgrades & features for any family.

\$234,900



WILBERFORCE AREA

Charming round log home. Private on 24 acres with trails throughout. Country kitchen, main fir Indry, w/o bsmt with lge recroom. Double Car garage.

\$229,000



HURRICANE LAKE ACREAGE

Pretty 16.9 ac waterfront. Rolling acreage, treed With 300 ft clean shoreline. Suitable for homeor cottage.

\$208,900



HALIBURTON HOME

Great location near village & lots of room, outbuildings & potential. Contractor or home based businesses interested? Stone & brick home.

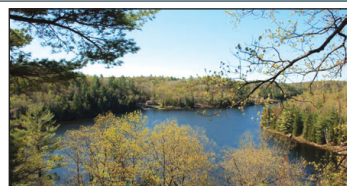
\$199,900



HWY 118, CARNARVON

Totally reno'd 4 br home on level lot. Large eat in kitchen, bright, spacious lr with woodstove & w/o to front deck. Main floor laundry. Single detached garage & carport. Big storage shed & workshop. This turn key home is ideal for a young family or retired couple.

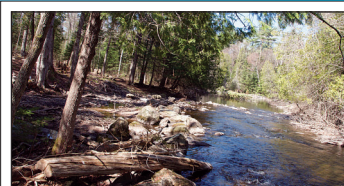
\$159,500



GROWLER LAKE

Lots or Acreage. Contact us for what is available. Beautiful deep lake for fishing. Wilderness, beauty & wildlife at your doorstep! From

\$149,000 and up.



DRAG RIVER, HALIBURTON

Awesome lot just minutes from the village. Privacy on 3.68 ac.

Driveway in, drilled well & building site cleared. Just start building!
\$99,900

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A Toast to the New Year!

... Wishing all of our friends, colleagues and clients a very
 Happy & Prosperous Year ahead

Linda & Troy

"Year's end is neither an end or a beginning but a 'going on', with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us." ~ Hal Borland

